

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Satoshi ASARI et al. CONF. NO.: 5621
Serial No. : 10/593,973
Filed : September 22, 2006
Art Unit : 3652
Examiner : Joshua I. Rudawitz
For : VERTICAL HEAT TREATMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD OF
TRANSFERRING PROCESS OBJECTS

**RESPONSE AS "SUBMISSION" UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

MAILSTOP: RCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 12, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following remarks. Accompanying this response is a Request for Continued Examination along with the requisite fee.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7.

Remarks begin on page 8.